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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A housing assembly for a flashlight comprising:

an exterior housing, said exterior housing having a first interior compartment and a second interior compartment adjacent to said first compartment, said first and second interior compartments being separated by a wall, said first interior compartment having a first opening in one side thereof and said second interior compartment having a second opening in one side thereof;

at least one contact opening in said wall between said first and second interior compartments;

two contact sleeves in said second interior compartment, said contact sleeves having contact surfaces adjacent said contact opening;

a lighting assembly in said first interior compartment, said lighting assembly having two contacts ~~contact arms~~ extending therefrom, said contacts ~~contact arms~~ extending through said at least one contact opening and contacting said contact surfaces of said contact sleeves; and

means for selectibly operating said lighting assembly.

2. (currently amended) The housing assembly for a flashlight of Claim 1, said lighting assembly further comprising:

a circuit board;

circuit traces on said circuit board;

an array of lighting elements installed on said circuit board in electrical communication with said circuit traces; and

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two contacts ~~contact arms~~ extending from an edge of said circuit board.

3. (currently amended) The housing assembly for a flashlight of Claim 2, wherein said contacts ~~contact arms~~ are spring biased.
4. (original) The housing assembly for a flashlight of Claim 2, further comprising:
a face plate installed over said first opening is said first interior compartment, said array of lighting elements extending through a corresponding array of openings in said face plate.
5. (original) The housing assembly for a flashlight of Claim 1, wherein said means for selectibly operating said lighting assembly is a rotary switch actuator.
6. (original) The housing assembly for a flashlight of Claim 1, wherein said second interior compartment is configured to receive a battery, said battery having two contact surfaces in electrical communication with said contact sleeves.
7. (original) The housing assembly for a flashlight of Claim 6, further comprising:
a battery installed in said second interior compartment; and
an endcap over said second opening in said second interior compartment.

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8. (currently amended) A waterproof flashlight comprising:

an exterior housing, said exterior housing having a first interior compartment and a second interior compartment adjacent to said first compartment, said first and second interior compartments being separated by a wall, said first interior compartment having a first opening in one side thereof and said second interior compartment having a second opening in one side thereof;

at least one contact opening in said wall between said first and second interior compartments;

two contact sleeves in said second interior compartment, said contact sleeves having contact surfaces adjacent said contact opening;

a lighting assembly in said first interior compartment, said lighting assembly consisting of a circuit board, circuit traces on said circuit board, an array of lighting elements installed on said circuit board in electrical communication with said circuit traces, and two spring biased contacts ~~contact arms~~ extending from an edge of said circuit board, said contacts ~~contact arms~~ extending through said at least one contact opening and contacting said contact surfaces of said contact sleeves;

a face plate installed over said first opening in said first interior compartment, said array of lighting elements extending through a corresponding array of openings in said face plate, said faceplate being sealed to said housing;

a battery in said second interior housing, said battery having two contact surfaces in electrical communication with said contact sleeves;

an endcap installed over said second opening in said second interior compartment; and

means for selectively operating said flashlight.

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9. (original) The waterproof flashlight of claim 8, further comprising:
a sealant between said lighting elements and said openings in said faceplate.
10. (original) The waterproof flashlight of claim 8, wherein said means for operating said flashlight is a magnetic actuator.